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NEW DIRECTOR

Neil Strawser; "The newly appointed Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Richard Helms, says tonight that 'I know we've been criticized a lot, but I don't believe a lot of it to be at all fair.' 'All toll,' says career man Helms, 'I think we've done a fine job over the years.' Helms has been with the CIA since its founding and was its Deputy Director until today when President Johnson made the surprise announcement that he was replacing Admiral William Rayborn as Director, Rayborn resigning after just 14 months with the agency.

"The appointment of Helms seems to have drawn immediate approval from colleagues at the agency, where it has been reported there has been considerable unhappiness with Admiral Rayborn."